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FISCAL YEAR 2009 PROJECT REQUEST FORM

Project Name: South Tongass Volunteer Fire Department Fire Station Replacement Phase II

Project Location: 5591 South Tongass Highway, Ketchikan, Alaska 99901

Project Description (please attach additional pages as required):

Please see attachment for project description.

Related Appropriations Bill: N/A

Amount of federal funding requested for FY09: \$2,040,000

Total funding to complete this project: \$2,394,774

Number of years to fund this project: 1

Matching funds from the State of Alaska: \$100,000

Matching funds from local and private entities:

Ketchikan Gateway Borough (\$200,000 in land and \$28,284 in paid labor)
STVFD Members (\$26,490 in donated labor)

If this project was funded in prior appropriations bills (within the last five years), list each bill and the amount funded:

N/A

Amount included in the President's FY09 Budget: 0

Amount included in the State of Alaska FY09 Budget: 0

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List legislation that authorizes this project:

Check all that apply:

- ☐ A change in the current law is necessary in order to proceed with the project. (If so, attach language and a list of laws that need to be amended)
- ☐ Bill or report language is needed. (If so, attach requested language)

Project Description
South Tongass Volunteer Fire Department

The South Tongass Volunteer Fire Department is seeking funding for its new fire station located at mile 5.5 South Tongass Highway.

Last year, the State of Alaska appropriated a \$100,000 grant for the South Tongass Volunteer Fire Department to start building a new fire station. The Ketchikan Gateway Borough provided the land for the facility. The land is valued at \$200,000. Additionally, the Borough provided \$10,900 in paid labor for the project. STVFD Members contributed labor valued at \$19,290.

Phase II will complete the new fire station. The Borough will contribute an additional \$17,384 in paid labor and STVFD Members will donate another \$7,200 in labor.

The new fire station will house an on-duty force for an immediate response. This is not available now.

The current fire station located at 5.5 mile of the South Tongass Highway has not been sufficient for the past several years. Built in 1986, with no plans for future expansion, the current facility fails to meet current needs. The second story office and meeting area is inaccessible to handicapped members of the public. There is only one bathroom at the station and the kitchen facilities are inadequate. Training classes have been restricted due to the lack of space.

The fire service area has seen an increasing number of housing starts in and around the new Fawn Mountain Elementary School. In addition, with the new Tongass Coast Aquarium in the final stages of planning, we are facing severe restrictions in terms of ability to train volunteer fire fighters and house the necessary equipment to provide adequate fire protection.

Without funding it is highly unlikely the South Tongass Volunteer Fire Department will be able to provide an optimum level of service to the Ketchikan Area.





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FISCAL YEAR 2009 PROJECT REQUEST FORM

Project Name: Regional Fire Training Center

Project Location: 13110 North Tongass Highway, Ketchikan, Alaska

Project Description (please attach additional pages as required):

The North Tongass Volunteer Fire Department [NTVFD] is desperately needs a Regional Fire Training Center to be located at its Fire Station 8, 13110 North Tongass Highway. This regional training center will enable fire departments south of Juneau, including those on Prince of Wales Island, to send their emergency response personnel to a quality training center at a reduced travel cost. The training conducted at this center will follow established state and national fire standards with certified, experienced instructors. Instructors will be a mixture of local, state and national sources.

Volunteers are a cyclical resource and training is a never ending requirement. Training requirements are mandated by a number of federal, state, and local laws and ordinances. The training area will be a cost savings in the long run by allowing the department to set up a variety of required training situations at a moments' notice with a minimum of manpower. A minimal charge for classes can be assessed to fund needed upgrades and maintenance issues of the Center. See attachment for budget and further details.

Related Appropriations Bill: Homeland Security/Fire Training Budget

Amount of federal funding requested for FY09: \$691,900

Total funding to complete this project: \$691,900

Number of years to fund this project: 1 year

Matching funds from the State of Alaska: unknown

Matching funds from local and private entities:

Potential for up to \$70,000 from the Ketchikan Gateway Borough using Commercial Passenger Vessel Excise Tax proceeds or other funds.

If this project was funded in prior appropriations bills (within the last five years), list each bill and the amount funded:

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Amount included in the President's FY09 Budget: none

Amount included in the State of Alaska FY09 Budget: none

☐ Check this box if state funding was sought but not provided.

List legislation that authorizes this project:

Homeland Security--National Fire Training Acct.

Check all that apply:

- ☐ A change in the current law is necessary in order to proceed with the project. (If so, attach language and a list of laws that need to be amended)
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**CONSTRUCTION OF A REGIONAL FIRE TRAINING CENTER FOR
SOUTHERN SOUTHEAST ALASKA**
\$691,900

The North Tongass Volunteer Fire Department [NTVFD] is currently planning a Regional Fire Training Center to be located at its Fire Station 8, 13110 North Tongass Highway. This regional training center will enable fire departments south of Juneau, including those on Prince of Wales Island, to send their emergency response personnel to a quality training center at a reduced travel cost. The training conducted at this center will follow established state and national fire standards with certified, experienced instructors. Instructors will be a mixture of local, state and national sources.

Paving is designed to provide for an Emergency Vehicle Operations Course (EVOC), needed to drive emergency vehicles. Paving will also provide for better access to the training areas, better parking availability and lower maintenance costs on apparatus. The pump test pit will fulfill a dual purpose as a training tool and as a testing station for required annual pump tests. It will be made available to any who need it. The water tank and hydrant will serve the needs of the Center and will have an added benefit of providing water for firefighting when a real emergency strikes.

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The cost of this project will include engineering, site preparation, asphalt paving, concrete application, permitting and other incidental fees, and labor costs.

Regional Training Center North 13110 N. Tongass Highway			
Area	Size	Sq' @\$	Total
Lower Lot	250x100	25,000 @ \$3	\$75,000
Driveway	250x25	6,250 @ \$3	\$18,750
Tendering Area	20x60	1,200 @ \$3	\$ 3,600
Training Area	150x300	45,000 @ \$4.5	\$202,500
Total			\$299,850
Training Tower, Water tank and Pump test pit			
Training Tower	2 Story	Burn Room	\$189,750
Water Tank for Center	30,000 gal	Hydrant & piping	\$67,850
Pump Test Pit	NFPA requirement	Training & Maintenance	\$71,550
Total			\$329,150
Total Request (\$629,000 x 10% contingency)			\$691,900





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FISCAL YEAR 2009 PROJECT REQUEST FORM

Project Name: Replacement of rural Mountain Point Water Treatment Plant and rural Herring Bay water distribution system.

Project Location: South Tongass region near Ketchikan, Alaska

Project Description (please attach additional pages as required):

Please see attachment for project description.

Related Appropriations Bill: N/A

Amount of federal funding requested for FY09: \$2,000,000

Total funding to complete this project: \$2,000,000

Number of years to fund this project: 1

Matching funds from the State of Alaska:

Matching funds from local and private entities:

If this project was funded in prior appropriations bills (within the last five years), list each bill and the amount funded:

N/A

Amount included in the President's FY09 Budget: 0

Amount included in the State of Alaska FY09 Budget: 0

☐ Check this box if state funding was sought but not provided.

List legislation that authorizes this project:

Check all that apply:

- ☐ A change in the current law is necessary in order to proceed with the project. (If so, attach language and a list of laws that need to be amended)
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Project Description

\$1,500,000 is requested to construct a new water filter plant to replace the aging and inefficient water filter plant for the Mountain Point Water Utility. Additionally, \$500,000 is requested to upgrade of the existing Herring Bay water distribution system tributary piping which will be connected to the Mountain Point Water Utility.

The Herring Bay Water system and the Mountain Point Water Utility have been subject to a number of violations of drinking water standards. Customers for both systems have often been ordered to boil water because of those violations. Additionally, the Mountain Point Utility frequently exceeds drinking water standards for Total Trihalomethanes. To the extent that the federal government promotes safe and clean drinking water, the project advances the interests of the federal government.

The existing filter facility was constructed in the 1980s and is capable of producing 200,000 gallons of water per day provided there are no equipment breakdowns or failures. However, such breakdowns and failures are common.

The capacity of the system is inadequate and customers are ordered to conserve water during summer and winter seasons. The existing plant is primarily a manual operation, which requires crewmen to perform duties that are commonly done automatically in more modern facilities. A modern plant would produce 500,000 gallons of water per day, two and one-half times the capacity of the existing facility.

The expanded capacity of the new treatment plant would be capable of serving the projected growth of this area for the next several years. A new school was recently constructed in the area. Four subdivisions are in various stages of development and there is current growth to existing businesses. Additionally, a tramway is in conceptual design and a hotel is in the planning stages. A modern water treatment plant would provide the quantity of water sufficient for current usage without conservation efforts.

The existing Herring Bay water distribution system piping is antiquated and will need to be replaced with the new water service in place. This will consist of tributary piping from the new water service supply to the stub-outs at the property lines.





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FISCAL YEAR 2009 PROJECT REQUEST FORM

Project Name: Expansion of Parking Facilities at Ketchikan International Airport

Project Location: Ketchikan International Airport

Project Description (please attach additional pages as required):

Paving, striping, and lighting in all existing parking lots and site work including filling the shore line along the east side of Gravina Island north of the terminal building at Ketchikan International Airport. Despite access issues which are well known, the need for airport improvements continue.

It is critical for the Gateway airport to be upgraded to provide the necessary services for this facility.

See attachment for further details.

Related Appropriations Bill: Trans/Treasury/--

Amount of federal funding requested for FY09: \$1,000,000

Total funding to complete this project: \$1,000,000

Number of years to fund this project: 1 year

Matching funds from the State of Alaska:

Matching funds from local and private entities:

NONE

List legislation that authorizes this project:

FAA Authorization and many previous Trans/Treas. bills

Check all that apply:

- ☐ A change in the current law is necessary in order to proceed with the project. (If so, attach language and a list of laws that need to be amended)
- ☐ Bill or report language is needed. (If so, attach requested language)

If this project was funded in prior appropriations bills (within the last five years), list each bill and the amount funded:

Amount included in the President's FY09 Budget: none

Amount included in the State of Alaska FY09 Budget: none

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PAVING, CURBING, AND STRIPING OF THE KETCHIKAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT PARKING LOTS

The Ketchikan International Airport is located on Gravina Island and the primary parking lots for the airport are located across Tongass Narrows on Revillagigedo Island, with four smaller supplemental parking lots on Gravina Island. Passengers and airport employees utilize the airport ferries to reach the terminal. The Airport is one of the biggest economic engines for the community of approximately 14,000 people. Ketchikan International is the fifth most active airport in Alaska. The airport is the gateway to many surrounding communities that depend on our infrastructure to supply the other communities with goods and services they need for the tourism industry.

Passenger growth at the Airport is projected to be 4 percent in 2008. Passenger service from Alaska Airlines alone is expected to be 114,000 passengers in 2008. A growing number of private and chartered flights supplement that figure.

Only one of the two lots on Revillagigedo Island is paved. Together, these two lots have a capacity of approximately 250 vehicles. In busy months demand exceeds capacity and vehicles are often double-parked or left along access roads and entrances restricting access by buses and emergency vehicles. It is estimated that space for at least 30 additional vehicles would be created if the second Revillagigedo lot was paved and striped. Of the four small supplemental parking lots on Gravina Island, only one is paved. When demand exceeds capacity on Gravina Island, similar parking problems occur. The unpaved lots are difficult to maintain—filling in the numerous potholes that develop is difficult because the lots are nearly always filled to capacity. This results in passengers and employees having to park and walk through large puddles, often in the dark. All parking lots are located on land owned by the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities and are managed by the Borough in conjunction with the airport lease.

The Borough is requesting the funding in the amount of \$1,000,000 to install curbing, paving and striping on the second parking lot on Revillagigedo Island and the engineering to pave and expand the parking lots on Gravina Island.





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FISCAL YEAR 2009 PROJECT REQUEST FORM

Project Name: Construction of a Skatepark

Project Location: Ketchikan, Alaska

Project Description (please attach additional pages as required):

Please see attachment

Related Appropriations Bill:

Amount of federal funding requested for FY09: \$105,000

Total funding to complete this project: \$105,000

Number of years to fund this project: 1 year

Matching funds from the State of Alaska:

Matching funds from local and private entities:

Possible limited in-kind contributions from local users.

List legislation that authorizes this project:

Check all that apply:

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If this project was funded in prior appropriations bills (within the last five years), list each bill and the amount funded:

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Project Description

The Ketchikan Gateway Borough Parks and Recreation Department has the only existing skatepark in Ketchikan. The park is located next to the Gateway Recreation Center. The future site for the new pool is where the skatepark is currently located. When construction for the pool begins, in 2009, the park will need to be relocated and combined with a complete community skatepark. The current park area is 2,850 square feet. It is fenced in with a mini ramp consisting of two half pipes back to back. Studies show, based on a population of 13,000, a skatepark should be 8,000 – 10,000 square feet. The new park would be located on Borough land yet to be determined.

Detailed Project Justification - including an explanation of the essential federal government purpose of this funding request (include additional pages, if necessary):

Our current skatepark does not meet the needs of the community of Ketchikan. The current size and structures are limiting to the growing skateboard community. With Ketchikan's population, our needed size would be 8,000 – 10,000 square foot park. Our intent is to construct an 8,400 square foot park with the appropriations.

Project Budget Outline:

The \$105,000 requested would cover the cost of an 8,400 square foot skatepark. The proposed skatepark will include ramps, stairs and rails.





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FISCAL YEAR 2009 PROJECT REQUEST FORM

Project Name: Fawn Mountain Sports Field

Project Location: Ketchikan, Alaska

Project Description (please attach additional pages as required):

Please see attachment

Related Appropriations Bill:

Amount of federal funding requested for FY09: \$500,000

Total funding to complete this project: \$1,000,000

Number of years to fund this project: 1 year

Matching funds from the State of Alaska:

Matching funds from local and private entities:

Ketchikan Gateway Borough: \$500,000

List legislation that authorizes this project:

Check all that apply:

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- ☐ Bill or report language is needed. (If so, attach requested language)

If this project was funded in prior appropriations bills (within the last five years), list each bill and the amount funded:

Amount included in the President's FY09 Budget: none

Amount included in the State of Alaska FY09 Budget: none

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Project Description

Fawn Mountain Sports Field

This phase would allow completion of the project and would consist of the following:

- 1. installation of an artificial surface with under-drains at the infield portion of the existing track for football and soccer;**
- 2. installation of field lighting to accommodate the track and various field activities;**
- 3. restroom and concession stand construction; and**
- 4. utilities associated with the restrooms and concession stand.**

The sports field will promote physical fitness and good health.





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FISCAL YEAR 2009 PROJECT REQUEST FORM

Project Name: Construction of a Swimming Pool

Project Location: Ketchikan, Alaska

Project Description (please attach additional pages as required):

While this is a high cost project, There is a federal connection--The pool will be used for aquatic safety training for federal agencies such as the U.S. Coast Guard as well as State agencies such as the Alaska State Troopers.

The State of Alaska has provided a very large matching grant. Perhaps this can be approached as a multi-year project.

Please see attachment for further details.

Related Appropriations Bill: Trans./Treasury/HUD/ or Homeland Security

Amount of federal funding requested for FY09: up to \$13,975,000

Total funding to complete this project: up to \$21,500,000

Number of years to fund this project: 1 year

Matching funds from the State of Alaska: up to \$6,450,000

Matching funds from local and private entities:

Ketchikan Gateway Borough: up to \$1,075,000

List legislation that authorizes this project:

General EDA authority and Econ.Development Initiative

Check all that apply:

- ☐ A change in the current law is necessary in order to proceed with the project. (If so, attach language and a list of laws that need to be amended)
- ☐ Bill or report language is needed. (If so, attach requested language)

If this project was funded in prior appropriations bills (within the last five years), list each bill and the amount funded:

Amount included in the President's FY09 Budget: none

Amount included in the State of Alaska FY09 Budget: none

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Project Description:

The Ketchikan Gateway Borough has the only existing aquatic facility in Ketchikan. The current pool was built in 1972 and remodeled in 1992 and 1994. Because of the growing use and dilapidated building, a new aquatic facility is needed for Ketchikan.

On average, there are over 75,000 users a year for the pool. The pool accommodates schools, cruise ship industry, Coast Guard, Swim Clubs, and general public. Because of the diverse groups and needs, there is an overwhelming need for a facility that can all of the different users. The current facility has structural problems with the roof and deck, failures in the mechanical systems, and the warm water pool is sinking. The Borough has formed an Ad Hoc Pool Replacement committee to begin the process to replace the existing pool. The new pool is planned to be located next to the Gateway Recreation Center on Borough land. The proposed location would allow a 30,000 square foot aquatic facility. The anticipated new facility would include a competitive pool, recreation/warm pool, diving, and sauna. The committee has selected a pool layout that will allow for several users to utilize the pool at one time.

Project Justification:

The pool will be used for aquatic safety training for federal agencies such as the U.S. Coast Guard. State agencies such as the Alaska State Troopers, and the private sector such as the cruise ship industry.

Additionally, the pool will promote physical fitness and good health.

Project Budget Outline:

Detailed cost estimates are currently being developed by the project architect under contract to the Ketchikan Gateway Borough. Based on similar projects recently constructed, it is estimated that a new pool will cost between \$17 million and \$21.5 million. Federal funding is sought for 65 percent of the cost (i.e., \$11,050,000 to \$13,975,000). Construction costs are estimated at 75 percent of the total cost. Design, project inspection, and other costs are estimated at 25 percent of the total cost.





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FISCAL YEAR 2009 PROJECT REQUEST FORM

Project Name: Geographic Information System Update

Project Location: Ketchikan, Alaska

Project Description (please attach additional pages as required):

This is a very affordable project which will aid the general population. Funding is requested to update the current Geographic Information System (GIS) for Ketchikan Gateway Borough. The GIS encompasses assessment, planning, permitting, and code enforcement departments within the Borough. This phase of the project will add integration and streamlining for more efficient and convenient processing of public permits. It will also integrate the Borough Public Works Department in the GIS system. This upgrade of the system requires migration of current GIS to more cost efficient and productive software as well as computer hardware infrastructure and bandwidth to the Internet. It will also include related resources for all of southeast Alaska, such as a joint US/Canadian oil spill data clearinghouse for the southeast Alaska and northwest Canada, and overall improved public access to Borough-wide mapping resources.

Related Appropriations Bill: Trans/Treasury/HUD--

Amount of federal funding requested for FY09: \$50,000

Total funding to complete this project: \$75,000

Number of years to fund this project: 1 year

Matching funds from the State of Alaska:

Matching funds from local and private entities:

\$25,000 from the Ketchikan Gateway Borough

List legislation that authorizes this project:

General HUD/EDA-EDI provisions in many prior bills

Check all that apply:

- ☐ A change in the current law is necessary in order to proceed with the project. (If so, attach language and a list of laws that need to be amended)
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If this project was funded in prior appropriations bills (within the last five years), list each bill and the amount funded:

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Amount included in the President's FY09 Budget: none

Amount included in the State of Alaska FY09 Budget: none

☐ Check this box if state funding was sought but not provided.

**GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM UPDATE
\$50,000**

PROJECT SUMMARY:

Funding is requested to update the current Geographic Information System (GIS) for Ketchikan Gateway Borough. The GIS encompasses assessment, planning, permitting, and code enforcement departments within the Borough. This phase of the project will add integration and streamlining for more efficient and convenient processing of public permits. It will also integrate the Borough Public Works Department in the GIS system. This upgrade of the system requires migration of current GIS to more cost efficient and productive software as well as computer hardware infrastructure and bandwidth to the Internet. It will also include related resources for all of southeast Alaska, such as a joint US/Canadian oil spill data clearinghouse for the southeast Alaska and northwest Canada, and overall improved public access to Borough-wide mapping resources.

PROJECT HISTORY/STATUS:

During the past four years, the Borough has made considerable progress towards an integrated GIS mapping and permitting system by working to convert all agency databases in to one single Borough-wide database. Current software and infrastructure limitations prevent a fully active and integrated system.

PROJECT FUNDING REQUEST:

The Ketchikan Gateway Borough will contribute \$25,000 and is seeking \$50,000 for a total of \$75,000 to continue to update GIS resources and improve public access to GIS and mapping resources.

